



GREAT AMERICAN RV'ERS BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1 The name of this organization is the Great American RV'ers.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE and MEMBERS

Section 1 General Purpose:

- a. To promote fellowship and cooperation among Great American RV owners and to have FUN.
- b. To carry out such central business functions on behalf of and for the common benefit of Members and their families.

Section 2 Definition of "Member":
The term "Member" as used herein is defined as:

- a. All Members in good standing are entitled to a vote. Members in good standing are defined as those whose dues are current as defined in Article III and are registered.

Section 3 Membership Meetings:

- a. There shall be an annual membership meeting, commonly referred to as the Spring Homecoming Rally, on a date and a place determined by the Executive Board. All items of business reserved to the membership may be presented at such meeting.
- b. Business may be conducted at any other rally if deemed necessary by the Executive Board.
- c. Those present at the meetings constitute a quorum for conducting business.

ARTICLE III - DUES

Section 1 Annual Dues:
The annual dues are \$20.00 or such amount as the Executive Board may establish. Any change requires approval by a three-fourth (3/4)-majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 2 Payable:
Member dues are payable at the beginning of each fiscal (calendar) year. The fiscal year is January 1 through December 31. Any Member who has not paid their dues 90 days from January 1 or by April 1 will be dropped from membership.

Section 3 New Member Dues:
Anyone joining on or after July 1 will be paid through the following year.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1 Eligibility:
Any Member in good standing is eligible for election as an officer.

Section 2 Positions:

a. Officers:

The elected officers are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The appointed officers are Rallymaster and Assistant Rallymaster.

b. Nominating Committee:

The Past President, (prior to the Homecoming Rally,) shall chair a (appoint a) Nominating Committee and select at least two other couple members to serve on the committee to submit a slate of candidates.

c. Election of Officers:

The slate of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Membership at the Spring Homecoming Rally on Friday evening (every year). The election will then be held at the Saturday business meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor. Nominations shall be submitted one at a time, starting with the office of President; followed by Vice President,(and then) Secretary, and then Treasurer.

d. Term of Office:

Officers shall hold office for a period of one year beginning immediately after the Spring Homecoming.

e. Vacancy in Office:

Any vacancy, except for president, is filled by appointment of the Executive Board for the unexpired term. The Vice President fills a vacancy for the unexpired term of President.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 Responsibilities:
The Board is responsible for general management and control of Club affairs and property.

Section 2 Members:
Voting members are elected Officers, Immediate past President, and appointed Rallymaster and Assistant Rallymaster and their respective partners. Members serve without compensation.

Section 3 Operating Guidelines:

a. The Board may take action by unanimous consent without calling a meeting.

- b. Unless otherwise stated, decisions are by majority vote with a quorum present at a duly held meeting. A quorum is fifty (50) percent of the Board membership.
- c. The President calls the meetings. If the President is unable or unavailable for any reason, the Vice President may issue the call. Or, five (5) members of the Board may call for a meeting. Adequate notice of at least seven days must be given to all Board members.
- d. Where applicable, the parliamentary authority governing Executive Board and Member meetings are contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND RALLYMASTERS

Complete job descriptions for each position are available from the GARV Secretary

- Section 1** Past President
The Past President chairs the Nominating Committee and selects a minimum of two other couple members to serve on the Committee.
- Section 2** President:
The President as chief officer, directs the business of the organization, presides at Member and Executive Board meetings, appoints any committees and is Ex-officio member of all committees.
- Section 3** Vice President:
The Vice President in the absence of the President performs the duties of President and such other duties as the organization may require.
- Section 4** Secretary:
The Secretary keeps meeting minutes; is responsible for coordinating mailings to Members including newsletters, rally information and registration forms; maintains a roll of the membership if so directed; and is custodian of permanent and historical records of the Club. Other duties may be assigned as requested by the President or the Executive Board.
- Section 5** Treasurer:
The Treasurer deposits all funds and pays all bills of the organization under direction of the Executive Board; maintains accurate financial records; assists or prepares annual report submitted to the IRS; publishes an annual financial report to the Membership; provides ongoing information on the status of Club finances and rally costs to Club Officers. Other duties may be assigned as requested by the President or the Executive Board. At least thirty days prior to the expiration of the current term of office, the Treasurer shall submit the financial records for an audit by an examiner selected by the President.
- Section 6** Rallymaster:

- a. The President with approval of the Executive Board appoints the Rallymaster and the Assistant Rallymaster.
- b. The Rallymaster has responsibility for arranging, organizing and facilitating rallies. The Rallymaster will appoint and delegate responsibility for assigned tasks to a Wagonmaster and volunteers for each rally.
- b. The term of the Rallymaster is normally two years including the first year of service as Assistant Rallymaster.

ARTICLE VII - RALLIES

- Section 1** Rally Refunds:
There will be no reimbursement for fees paid to attend a rally unless requested at least seven days prior to start of a rally. Refund requests, not meeting time requirements because of unusual circumstances, may be honored at discretion of club officers.

ARTICLE VIII - ADVISORY BOARD

- Section 1** General Purpose:
The Advisory Board is composed of up to three Past Presidents and two people from Great American RV. Their purpose is to develop recommendations on special issues and provide assistance in resolving problems that could affect the Club.

- Section 2** Terms:
- a. Past Presidents on appointment by the President serve two years.
 - b. Great American RV will appoint their representatives.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

- Section 1** Proposal by a Member:
Members may submit amendments in writing to the President and Secretary –Treasurer at least ninety (90) days prior to a rally. The proposed amendment will be published in the Club Bulletin or a letter sent to the Membership for action at a rally.

- Section 2** Proposal by Executive Board:
An amendment, if approved by a three-fourth (3/4) majority vote of the Executive Board, may be submitted for a vote at a regularly scheduled rally without submitting in writing ninety days (90) days prior to a rally.

As amended on January 19, 2003.